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SUBJECT: IA-ECOSOC 9TH ANNUAL MEETING: U.S. COMMENTS ON
STATEMENT BY ARGENTINA DELEGATION

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1. U.S. DEL (SZABO) MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON STATEMENT BY
ARGENTINA DELEGATE REPORTED REFTEL AT GENERAL COMMITTEE LATE
AFTERNOON SESSION, THURSDAY MARCH 14.

2. I NOW HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE STATEMENT
MADE BY THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIRMAN OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATE.

3. AS I ALREADY INDICATED EARLIER TODAY THERE ARE MANY POINTS
WHICH HE MADE WITH WHICH MY DELEGATION IS IN AGREEMENT. I
REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARGENTINE
DELEGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK
PLACE IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE DURING THE PRECEDING TWO
DAYS, WHICH DEALT WITH MANY OF THE POINTS AND IDEAS HE PRESENTED
TODAY.

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4. ESSENTIALLY, THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD ITS RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA IS THAT THE CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO CITY BEGAN THE BUILDING OF A NEW ATTITUDE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, A SENSE OF PRODUCTIVE ACHIEVEMENT, REGARDING THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE THREE DAYS IN MEXICO COULD ONLY SERVE TO LAUNCH THESE ATTITUDES, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE U.S. PROPOSALS AND INTENTIONS -- TO ELIMINATE DISPUTES, TO INTENSIFY CONSULTATION, AND TO BE RESPONSIVE IN TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS AND TO ADDRESS MORE FULLY THE REGION'S INTERESTS IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND TO DEMONSTRATE BY ATTITUDE AND ACTION THE SPECIAL CONCERNS THE U.S. HAS FOR THE REGION -- WERE UNDERSTOOD FOR WHAT WE INTENDED THEM TO BE -- A DEPARTURE FROM MANY PREVIOUS U.S. POSITIONS.

5. WE HOPE THAT THE MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE NOT ONLY COVEYED A SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY BUT THAT ALSO WE HAVE LAID THE BASIS FOR AN IMPROVED STRUCTURE OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS BASED UPON A MUTUAL RECOGNITION THAT THE PATTERN OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS NEEDS TO BE CHANGED AND IMPROVED, A MUTUAL WILL TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND JOINTLY TO CONFRONT PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF EACH OTHER, AND A FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDE OF COOPERATION INVOLCING FRANK EXPRESSIONS AND A CONSIDERATION OF EACH OTHERS VIEWS AND NEEDS.

6. IN HIS STATEMENT, MR. TETTAMANTI REMARKED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA DOES NOT CONCEIVE OF A LATIN AMERICA UNITED WITH THE U.S. IN A COMMUNITY BY TIES WHICH WOULD IMPEDE THEIR ABILITY TO UNDERTAKE AN INDEPENDENT NEGOTIATING STANCE WITH OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD SUCH AS THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, JAPAN, AND OTHERS.

7. WITH RESPECT TO THE CONCEPT OF "COMMUNITY" ADVANCED BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AT THE RECENT FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE EXPLANATION HE GAVE AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY ON FEBRUARY 23. QUOTE:
FIRST, LET ME MAKE CLEAR WHAT WE MEAN BY THE WORD "COMMUNITY". WE DON'T MEAN A JURIDICAL STRUCTURE WITH FORMAL RULES THAT REQUIRE FORMAL SUPPORT.....
NOW WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSULTATION WE FORESEE, WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORMING A POLITICAL BLOC. IT
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IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO CREATE AN OBLIGATION FOR MUTUAL POLITICAL SUPPORT. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO GIVE SOME REALITY TO A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS EXISTED FOR GENERATIONS, THAT HAS LED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THAT INDEED HAS BROUGHT US TOGETHER HERE - THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CANADA. THIS MEANS THAT AS FAR AS THE US

IS CONCERNED WE HAVE A SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE CONCERNS OF OUR FRIENDS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. IT MEANS THAT WE WILL MAKE SERIOUS EFFORTS TO MEET THEIR LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS AND TO LISTEN TO ALL OF THEIR CONCERNS IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. IT MEANS ALSO THAT WE ARE PREPARED IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS BEFORE WE MAKE FINAL DECISIONS TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF OUR COLLEAGUES FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. AS FAR AS THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ARE CONCERNED, IT WOULD SEEM TO US, OF COURSE, NATURAL THAT THROUGH THE PROCESSES OF CONSULTATION THEY WILL HEAR OUR POINT OF VIEW. WHAT THEY WILL DO WITH RESPECT TO THAT IS THEIR OWN SOVEREIGN DECISION. BUT THERE ARE ENOUGH BLOCS IN THE WORLD WITHOUT OUR ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE ANOTHER

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